

Activity Plan 2007-08

Introduction

The present plan outlines key activities agreed with all partners for the period 1 October 2007 – 30 September 2008, the third year of the RPC. It reflects priorities and activities set out in the initial RPC tender proposal and 5-Year activity plans produced by each southern partner. Activities are categorized as i) research; ii) training and capacity building; iii) collaborative writing or iv) dissemination workshops. The plans will be reviewed and consolidated at the end of each cycle according to progress made and changes in priorities.

Aims

The aims of the third year of RECOUP activities are 1) to continue implementation of all research projects launched in 2006-7 and 2) to engage in a series of communication activities around these research projects.

Objectives

Our research objectives for 2007-08 are to:

- Initiate and complete the collection and analysis of quantitative data from household surveys in India and initiate data analysis. The data will be generated from samples of 1,000 households in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and will be repeated for the same samples in January 2009 to obtain panel data
- Continue the analysis of quantitative data from the household surveys in Ghana and Pakistan and produce and disseminate research outputs.
- Provide project specific qualitative training and continue qualitative field work for Theme 1 in all four countries and for Theme 2 in Pakistan, Ghana and complete Theme 2 field work in India
- Initiate the collection and analysis of qualitative data for Theme 2 (economic and labour market outcomes of education) and Theme 3 (aid and partnerships research and PPPs)
- Communicate research findings to broader policy and research communities in the UK, partner countries and internationally

Activities for research communication and capacity building have also been planned for 2007-08, consistent with the revised RPC Research Communication Strategy (Oct 07) and the capacity building plan agreed by all partners. Here, the key objective is to support partners in implementing national communication plans for 2006-2010 in line with the RPC Communication Strategy.

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Key outputs

As a result of our research and other supporting activities RECOUP will produce the following outputs in 2007-8:

Cross-Theme

- Annotated bibliographies for all research topics on EndNote (continue developing)
- Research capacity (qualitative and quantitative data collection, processing and analysis) and research communication capacity in all countries (continue building)
- National communication activity plans
- Range of new communication channels and outputs at national levels/in partner countries (Mid-Term workshops, networks, publications, websites)
- Consortium Advisory Group (CAG) meeting and National Advisory Group meeting in each country
- RPC Steering Committee meeting

Theme 1 research

- Concept paper on researching disability and education
- Draft handbook on qualitative research on education and development (title to be confirmed)
- Research instruments for collecting data in each of the qualitative projects
- Qualitative data on YGC outcomes of education in Ghana, Kenya and India
- Qualitative data on health and fertility outcomes of education in all four countries
- Qualitative data on disability and educational outcomes in the context of India, Kenya and some data on Pakistan

Theme 2 research

- Household data sets generated for India (database of quantitative data on household characteristics, including health and educational status, earnings, occupational and other profiles)
- Factual outputs from analysis of the quantitative data from household surveys in India (descriptive statistics)
- Research instruments for analysing the role and impact of teacher unions in India
- Research output (research paper) on the role of trade unions in India
- Qualitative data on labour market outcomes of education in Ghana, India and Pakistan

Theme 3

- Concept/framework paper on aid and partnerships
- Paper on international aid policy context

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- Qualitative research instruments for analysing the education policy process, its outcomes, including a policy dialogue in education in partner countries (interface between national and international policy agenda)
- Four papers on country policy histories

The detailed RECOUP Plan of Activities for 2007-08 is shown in Table 1 below followed by the RECOUP training schedule (Table 2).

Table 1. RECOUP Activity Plan 2007-08

Activities	Person/s Responsible	Timetable	Outputs
I. RESEARCH			
Cross Theme Research: Household Surveys			
Conducting household surveys	Anuradha De/Claire Noronha	Oct 07 – Jan 08 (India)	Household survey data
Preliminary analysis of survey data	Anuradha De/Claire Noronha	Feb – Apr 08	Survey data processed and inputted into the database
Producing a descriptive statistics based on HHS data	Anuradha De/Claire Noronha/Geeta Kingdon	May 08	Paper with descriptive statistics
Theme 1: Qualitative Research			
Develop and pilot research instruments for qualitative work	Roger Jeffery, international and national project leaders	Oct 07 (YGC) Dec 07 (Disability)	Sampling framework developed; interview schedules piloted and agreed
YGC projects field work and data analysis	Madeleine Arnot, Leslie Casely-Hayford, Claire Noronha, Fatuma Chege and team	Oct 07 – Feb 08 (Ghana, Kenya) Jul – Nov 08 (India)	Data generated on YGC outcomes of education in Ghana, Kenya and India
Further refinement and analysis of household census data (political economy, access, gender, poverty levels etc)	Roger Jeffery	Oct 07	Framework for presentation of an analysis of household census and local political economy for research sites
Health and Fertility research field work and data analysis	Leslie Casely-Hayford, Faisal Bari, Fatuma Chege, Roger Jeffery	Jun 08 – Oct 08 (Ghana) Sep 08 – Feb 09 (Kenya) Nov 07 – Feb 08 (Pakistan)	Research teams trained, data generated on health and fertility outcomes of education
Disability research field work and data analysis	Claire Noronha, Fatuma Chege, Faisal Bari, Nidhi Singal	Mar – Jul 08 (Kenya) Jan – May 08 (India) Aug – Dec 08 (Pakistan)	Data generated on disability and educational outcomes in India, Kenya and Pakistan
Theme 2: Teacher survey			
Preparation of teacher survey, India	Geeta Kingdon, Mohd. Muzzamil	Oct-Dec 07	Finalization of questionnaire and survey design. Implementation of survey
Theme 2: Qualitative research			

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Develop and agree sampling framework and research instruments	Kenneth King, PIs	Dec 07	Sampling framework, interview schedules
Skills research project field work and data analysis	Kenneth King, PIs	Apr – May 08 (Ghana) Jul – Dec 07 (India) Dec 07 – Mar 08 (Pakistan)	Data on labour market outcomes of education
Theme 3: Education and partnerships			
Public-Private Partnerships project (training, field work, data analysis)	Leslie Casely-Hayford, Clair Noronha, Fatuma Chege, Faisal Bari, Shailaja Fennell	Jan – Feb 08 (??) (Kenya) Apr – May 08 (Pakistan)	TOR agreed, data generated and processed, 4 district level mappings of educational provision, four papers on decentralization and four papers on privatization
Overviews of literature on aid to education in Kenya	Fatuma Chege	8 (Kenya)	Literature review
Work on Education sector financing and expenditure papers finalized and the synthesis paper produced	Leslie, Faisal, Anuradha, Fatuma/CC/BS	Sep 08	Paper on education sector financing and expenditures, aid contributions and modalities (to be confirmed)
Developing aid and partnerships research methodology Concept Paper (and draft instruments)	KK/CC/JS	October - Nov 07	
Conducting research on international and national aid policy contexts and their interface at national levels (central and local government)	CC/KK/JS/FB (international) Anuradha/Faisal/Leslie/Fatuma	Sep 08	Paper on international aid policy context and four country policy history papers
II. TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING			
Quantitative skills training workshops (pre-HHS use of questionnaires)	Claire Noronha/Claire Noronha	Oct 07 (India)	Researchers trained in quantitative data collection,
Quantitative skills training (post HHS)	Geeta	Mar- Apr 2008	Researchers trained in quantitative data processing and analysis skills
Health and fertility training workshops in Pakistan, Ghana and Kenya	Roger and Patricia Jeffery, Leslie Casely-Hayford, Fatuma Chege, Feyza Bhatti	Nov 07 (Pakistan) Jan 08 (Ghana) Sep 08 (Kenya)	Researchers trained in health and fertility issues, concepts and researching on health and fertility outcomes of education
Disability training in Kenya, India and Pakistan	Fatuma Chege, Claire Noronha, Faisal Bari, Nidhi Singal	Mar 08 (Kenya) Jan 08 (India) Aug 08 (Pakistan)	Researchers trained in disability issues and researching on education for disabled individuals
Youth, Gender and Citizenship training in	Madeleine Arnot, Leslie Casely-Hayford, Fatuma Chege, Claire	Nov 07 (Ghana) Dec 07 (Kenya)	Researchers trained for data collection and

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Ghana, Kenya and India	Noronha	Jul 08 (India)	analysis
PPPs training	Shaila/Faisal	Apr 08 (Pakistan)	Researchers trained in data collection and analysis
Continue building capacity of RECOUP researchers in communicating research findings and engaging with various communities (including policy-makers) at national and international levels	CC, BS, PIs		Researchers trained in various aspects of research communication, including the designing and implementing communication strategies and plans in their own specific communication contexts/environments
IV. COMMUNICATION			
Producing research papers and working papers based on the analysis of data: - health and fertility research in India, Pakistan and Ghana; - YGC research in India, Pakistan, Ghana and Kenya (includes socio-historical policy analysis); - Disability research in India and Kenya; - HHSs in Ghana, Pakistan and India; - Skills research in India, Ghana and Pakistan; - papers based on further analysis of household census data in each country	Roger Jeffery, Madeleine Arnot, Nidhi Singal, Ken Kenneth, Geeta Kingdon, PIs		Working papers and policy briefs produced, disseminated in hard copies/via website/as conference papers; journal articles and other publications; engagement with policy-makers and other stakeholders at all levels (nationally and internationally)
Partners develop and agree communication activity plans	PIs, Bolormaa Shagdar	Nov 07	National level Communication Activity Plans
Community workshop in Kenya	Fatuma Chege	After May 08	
RECOUP Consortium Advisory Group (CAG) meeting in Cambridge	Christopher Colclough, CAG members	Oct 07	
Mid-Term dissemination workshops in partner countries	PIs	Jul 08 (India) Pakistan (data to be confirmed) Oct 08 (Ghana) Sep 08 (Kenya)	
RECOUP Steering Committee meeting	Christopher Colclough, PIs	Sep 08	
European Conference on Modern South- Asian Studies in Manchester	Roger Jeffery, Madeleine Arnot, Nidhi Singal, Shaila Fennell, Feyza Bhatti, Claire Noronha	8 -11 July 08	Three papers presented
International Sociological Association (ISA) Conference, Lucknow, India,	Nidhi Singal, Shailaja Fennell Madeleine Arnot, Claire Noronha, Meera Samson,	21- 23 Nov 07	Two symposia and six papers presented on Asian youth and childhood gender and education in India
'Handbook on qualitative research on education and	Nidhi Singal and Roger Jeffery	Sep 08	Draft

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development'			
V. Other plans and reports			
Budget submission by all partners for FY2007/8 and agreeing RECOUP FY2007/8 budget	PIs, CC, BS	Jan 08	RECOUP 2007-8 budget approved
Identify, analyse and assess risks and provide feedback to the RPC risk management plan (RMP)	PIs	Sep 08	Risks identified and feedback to RMP provided
Review of RECOUP 2006/7 Activity Plan, and other related documents (Communication Strategy, Risk management, capacity building plans)	CC	Sep 08	Annual report produced and submitted
Agreeing the 2008/9 Activity plan and submitting to DFID for approval	CC, PIs	Sep 08	
Partner Annual report 2007/8 and RECOUP Annual report 2007/8	CC, PIs	Sep 08	
MID-Term Review (interviews)	CC, PIs	10 Dec 07	
Complete creation of a database of annotated bibliographies on EndNote	???	Mar 08	EndNote Database

Table 2. RECOUP Capacity Building Plan 2006 - 2010*

	Ghana	Kenya	India	Pakistan
Theme 1: Generic qualitative research skills training	7-18 May 07	12-23 Mar 07	15-30 Nov 06	Aug 07
Theme 1: Disability training	Nov -Dec 08	Mar 08	Jan 08	Aug 08
Theme 1: Health and Fertility training	Jan 08	Sep 08	Dec 06	Nov 07
Theme 1: Youth, Gender & Citizenship training	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jul 08	Dec 08
Theme 2: qualitative training	Apr 08	-	Jun 07	Dec 07
Theme 2: processing and analysis of household survey questionnaire	Aug – Sep 06	-	Mar –Apr 08	Jul 07
Theme 3:				Apr-May 08

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PPPs training in data collection and analysis				
RECOUP doctoral training (4 RECOUP scholars and three associates) at Cambridge and 3 at Oxford) (on-going)				
Building capacity of RECOUP researchers in communicating research (on-going: on-the job and distance training methods)				

*All training programmes under Theme 1 research, except for the generic qualitative training, are 3-day workshops only

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